

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA IN SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY
KIDS (CHK) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara considers the health and well-being of its children and youth to be a top priority;

WHEREAS, in 2005, about 200,000 California children who were eligible for no or low-cost health insurance through Medi-Cal, the Healthy Families Program, or one of the Children's Health Initiatives, were not insured;

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has the second highest rate of uninsured children in the State;

WHEREAS, Communities for Healthy Kids (CHK), a program of the Institute for Local Government, is a new, three-year effort to develop innovative strategies for cities and counties to identify and enroll children who are eligible for no and low-cost health insurance;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara is committed to participating in Communities for Healthy Kids through an Communities for Healthy Kids Application for Participation and will designate a staff person responsible for assisting the CHK in the City of Santa Barbara's community effort; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara joins cities and towns across California in outreach efforts to help link our residents with available, affordable health care for their children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT the City supports the development and implementation of a plan to assist in the Communities for Healthy Kids Program.